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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the office action mailed May 2, 2003 (paper No. 15), for the above identified U.S. patent application. This response is being submitted on or before August 4, 2003 (August 2, 2003 is a Saturday), making this a timely response. Although we believe no additional fees are due at this time, the commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit account No. 502319 (Our order No. A-68364-1/RMS/DCF/KJC- 469249-00170).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.